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SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM OF US NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (NAS) AND ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF
GDR (ASGDR)

1. FOLLOWING EARLIER DISCUSSIONS AND AGREEMENT ON
DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING INTER-ACADEMY EXCHANGE
PROGRAM, GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER DELIVERED TO NAS
FOREIGN SECRETARY HAMMOND A JUNE 8 LETTER FROM
ASGDR SECRETARY GENERAL GROTE ATTACHED TO WHICH
WAS A DRAFT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.

2. FOR INTERNAL REASONS UNRELATED TO ASGDR,
NAS DID NOT RESPOND TO GROTE'S JUNE 8 LETTER UNTIL
JANUARY 26, 1978, AT WHICH TIME HAMMOND FORWARDED
TO GROTE A NAS COUNTERDRAFT AND PROPOSED AN
EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS THIS SPRING. HE PROPOSED
THAT NAS DELEGATION VISIT THE GDR IN APRIL, THAT AN
ASGDR DELEGATION VISIT THE US IN JUNE, AND THAT
REGULAR EXCHANGE OF INDIVIDUALS COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER.
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COPIES OF BOTH LETTERS SENT TO EMBASSY.

3. APRIL DATE FOR NAS VISIT LATER TURNED OUT TO
BE INCONVENIENT, AND HAMMOND TELEXED GROTE ON SEPTEMBER
27 PROPOSING VISIT DURING MAY 14-26 PERIOD INSTEAD OF
IN APRIL. COPY OF TELEX WAS SENT TO EMBASSY.

4. IN ABSENCE OF RESPONSE FROM ASGDR TO ANY PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS, HAMMOND AGAIN TELEXED GROTE ON MARCH 14 REQUESTING CONFIRMATION OF AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE DELEGATIONS AND OF ACCEPTABILITY OF DATES PROPOSED BY NAS.

5. STILL LACKING RESPONSE, NAS STAFF OFFICER LAWRENCE MITCHELL SENT A TELEX ON APRIL 3 TO "ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF GDR, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT" REQUESTING CONFIRMATION OF ITS RECEIPT OF ABOVE THREE COMMUNICATIONS FROM HAMMOND. THERE HAS BEEN NO REPLY TO THIS MOST RECENT REQUEST. NAS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY EFFORTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ABOVE COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND, IF SO, WHEN A RESPONSE MIGHT BE EXPECTED. NAS DOES NOT CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT TEXT OF NEW INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT BE SIGNED AS PART OF EITHER DELEGATION'S VISIT THIS SPRING. NAS, HOWEVER, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DELEGATION VISITS TAKE PLACE, UNLESS ASGDR INDICATES SOME RELUCTANCE ABOUT EXCHANGE PROGRAM ABOUT WHICH NAS IS UNAWARE. VANCE

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